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TO : Assistant Director, Office of Communications

DATE: JUN 3 1952

FROM : Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Raytheon Propagation Frequency Evaluation Set AN/GPQ-3 (Communications Zone Indicator).

- 1. At the recent Airborne Electronics Conference, 12-14 May 1952 in Dayton, Ohio, a representative of the P&E Division, SI obtained information concerning the AN/GPQ-3 made by Raytheon, an equipment which may present a point of attack on some of the communications problems of common concern.
- 2. The following paragraph is quoted from a trip report on the Airborne Electronics Conference:

"This equipment, of which 3 prototypes have been made under an Air Force contract appears to offer a solution of propagation prediction for communications systems in the 5-30 mc/s band. The equipment allows instantaneous measurement of skip distance and consequent communications out to 2,000 miles (and out to 5,000 miles with higher powers). Although periodic charts for predicted ranges in the 5-30 mc/s band are currently available from the Bureau of Standards, these charts are frequently ineffective at a specific time and locality due to unpredictable and varying propagation conditions. Thus, communication on heavily loaded traffic circuits are frequently interrupted, sometimes at critical periods. By use of the COZI equipment, optimum communication frequencies can be determined at any given instant."

3. The AN/GPQ-3 has been discussed with and it appears to have features which may be of specific interest in your work. It is recommended that it be further investigated to determine its applications to CIA problems.

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